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- One person died and at least 23 others were hospitalized by a botulism outbreak connected to a dinner at the Cross Pointe Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio, April 19. – *WBNS 10 Columbus* (See item [31](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 22, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Arkansas) **ExxonMobil to pay \$5 million to settle U.S. and Arkansas claims for 2013 Mayflower oil spill.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced April 22 that ExxonMobil Pipeline Company and Mobil Pipe Line Company will pay \$3.19 million in Federal civil penalties, \$1 million in State civil penalties, \$600,000 for a project to improve water quality at Lake Conway, and \$280,000 to the attorney general's office in Arkansas following a 2013 crude oil spill from the Pegasus Pipeline in Mayflower that spilled an estimated 134,000 gallons of heavy crude oil into a Northwoods neighborhood, contaminating homes, a nearby creek, wetlands, and a cove.
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/exxonmobil-pay-5-million-settle-us-and-arkansas-claims-2013-mayflower-oil-spill>
2. *April 22, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Noble Energy settles state, federal pollution claim, could spend \$73.5 million on fines, fixes.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported April 21 that Houston-based Noble Energy will pay nearly \$73.5 million in a settlement with Colorado and Federal regulators over Front Range air-pollution violations after an analysis found that the company's tank batteries were emitting thousands of tons of volatile organic chemicals a year, contributing to the region's ozone pollution problem. The company also agreed to evaluate its 3,400 tank batteries in the Denver-Julesburg Basin and make necessary upgrades as part of the settlement.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_27962671/noble-energy-will-spend-73m-settle-state-federal
3. *April 21, New York Times* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma recognizes role of drilling in earthquakes.** Oklahoma's energy and environment cabinet introduced a Web site April 21 detailing the evidence behind expert studies of the likelihood that wastewater wells are causing the majority of the State's earthquakes. The site coincides with a statement by the State-run Oklahoma Geological Survey endorsing that the relationship between oil and gas activity and seismicity were connected over a large area of the State.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/22/us/oklahoma-acknowledges-wastewater-from-oil-and-gas-wells-as-major-cause-of-quakes.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *April 21, Biloxi Sun Herald* – (Mississippi) **Smokestack 'burps' hazardous chemical at DuPont plant.** Up to 1,000 pounds of titanium tetrachloride released into the air at a DuPont chemical plant in DeLisle April 21 when workers turned on some equipment that apparently caused a chemical build-up inside a smokestack to expel. DuPont personnel and HAZMAT crews contained the spill, which remains under investigation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2015/04/21/6187588/chemical-accidentally-released.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *April 21, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Louisiana; South Carolina) **NRC issues violations, proposed fine for actions related to reactor construction incident at Chicago Bridge & Iron.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued 2 Notices of Violation April 21 to Chicago Bridge & Iron in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and a former company official, as well as a proposed \$11,200 civil fine for actions related to the dropping of a prefabricated building section for a new reactor at the V.C. Summer facility in South Carolina, in March 2013 due to improper rigging and lifting practices. The NRC concluded that the facility, the former company official, and staff deliberately falsified records surrounding the incident.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2015/15-025.pdf>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *April 21, Opelika-Auburn News* – (Georgia) **Man stable after being shot inside Kia plant in West Point, Ga..** A Kia manufacturing plant in West Point, Georgia, was evacuated and placed on lockdown for several hours April 21 after an employee shot another worker in the leg in what authorities believe was an isolated event. Operations resumed at the plant later that night.

Source: http://www.oanow.com/news/local/article_ee13725c-e88d-11e4-83ec-cfb660c3195e.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *April 21, Reuters* – (New York) **Two ex-New York investment firm employees convicted in Ponzi fraud.** Two former employees of Long Island-based Agape World Inc., were convicted of charges including securities fraud, conspiracy, and mail fraud April 21 for their roles in a Ponzi scheme that bilked around 3,800 investors out of about \$147 million from 2005 – 2009. The pair pocketed about \$12.4 million by promising unrealistic returns on investments while paying returns from other investors' deposits.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/22/us-usa-ponzi-agape-idUSKBN0NC2PC20150422>

8. *April 21, NorthJersey.com* – (National) **Romanian charged in ATM scheme extradited to NJ from Spain.** A Romanian citizen was arrested and extradited from Spain during the week of April 13 and faced charges April 20 for his alleged role in an ATM-skimming scheme that used card-reading devices and pinhole cameras to steal over \$5 million from thousands of Citibank, TD Bank, Wells Fargo, and other financial institutions' customers on the east coast from 2012 – 2013. Thirteen suspects have been convicted in connection to the scheme.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/romanian-charged-in-atm-scheme-extradited-to-nj-from-spain-1.1313568>
9. *April 21, Reuters* – (International) **UK speed trader arrested over role in 2010 'flash crash'.** Authorities in London arrested a high-frequency trader from Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., and Nav Sarao Milking Markets Ltd., after the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced criminal charges April 21 in connection to his role in the 2010 "flash crash" that wiped out almost \$1 trillion in market value, in which he allegedly used an automated program to generate large sell orders that pushed down prices, canceled the orders, and subsequently bought the contracts at lower prices. The DOJ plans to request that the suspect be extradited to the U.S.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/21/us-usa-security-fraud-idUSKBN0NC21220150421>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *April 22, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **CHP: 4 dead in multi-vehicle crash on Hwy. 50 in Sacramento.** Highway 50 in Sacramento was closed for several hours April 22 due to a wrong-way accident involving 3 vehicles that killed 4 people and left 1 other driver with injuries.
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/local-news/news-sacramento/chp-4-dead-in-multivehicle-crash-on-hwy-50-in-sacramento/32503452>
11. *April 21, WKBN 27 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **I-80 open after cows loose on highway.** Interstate 80 in Austintown was closed for several hours overnight April 20 while crews cleared the scene after a semi-truck carrying about 37 cows struck a guardrail and overturned killing approximately 12 cows and causing several others to run loose on the roadway.
Source: <http://wkbn.com/2015/04/20/cows-on-the-loose-on-state-i-80-in-austintown/>
12. *April 21, WCTV 6 Thomasville* – (Florida) **Eastbound I-10 now open following crash involving 3 semi-trucks, another vehicle.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 in Tallahassee reopened after closing for nearly 8 hours April 21 while crews cleared the scene of a multi-vehicle accident involving 3 semi-trucks and another vehicle that caused several hundred bags of onions to spill onto the roadway.
Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/Eastbound-I-10-Shut-Down-Following-Crash-Involving-Semi-Truck-300762371.html>

Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *April 21, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Nine indicted in thefts of bourbon from Wild Turkey and Buffalo Trace, including rare Pappy.** Nine suspects were indicted in Franklin County Circuit Court April 21 for their alleged roles in a theft ring that heisted more than \$100,000 worth of bourbon from the Buffalo Trace and Wild Turkey distilleries in Kentucky since at least 2008. Officials believe the suspects illegally sold the stolen liquor including 70-90 cases of various bourbons, 9 stainless steel barrels of a Buffalo Trace bourbon, and numerous other wooden barrels of the liquor.
Source: http://www.kentucky.com/2015/04/21/3811973_prosecutors-9-indicted-in-whiskey.html
14. *April 21, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (International) **Uneviscerated dried fish sold in NY risk of botulism.** The New York Department of Agriculture advised consumers against eating Dry Bream-Lesh (Fish) sold by Tatuka Inc., because the fish was not properly eviscerated and may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum bacteria. The recalled product was imported from Russia and sold in the refrigerated foods department of retail stores in the New York City area.
Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2015/uneviscerated-dried-fish-sold-in-ny-risk-of-botulism/>
15. *April 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Consumer alert: Staphylococcus aureus in queso fresco cheese.** The U.S. Food and Drug administration reported that the New York Agriculture Commissioner advised April 20 against the consumption of La Clarita Queseria Queso Fresco “Fresh Cheese” made by Queseria La Poblanita, Inc., due to possible Staphylococcus aureus contamination. The recalled product was packaged in 12-ounce plastic tubs that were distributed to stores and delis in the New York City area.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm443851.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *April 21, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **More than 10K gallons of wastewater spill in Catawba Co.** Heavy rains caused 4 separate spills in the City of Newton that sent 10,050 gallons of wastewater into both Hildebran and McLin Creeks in Catawba County April 19.
Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/2015/04/21/more-than-10k-gallons-of-wastewater-spill-in-catawba-co/26130097/>
17. *April 21, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Residents near Duke ash dumps told**

not to drink well water. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources reported April 21 that tests of 87 private wells near 8 Duke Energy plants showed contamination with toxic heavy metals, and failed to meet State groundwater standards. Dozens of residents near Duke Energy coal ash dumps were ordered to not drink or cook with water from the wells, and were informed that the utility will be providing alternative water supply to affected residents.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/residents-near-duke-ash-dumps-told-not-to-drink-well-water/2015/04/21/48459ba4-e868-11e4-8581-633c536add4b_story.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *April 22, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **SEPTA bus, school bus collide in west Philly; 7 transported.** Seven people, including five children, were transported to an area hospital after a school bus and a Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority bus collided in west Philadelphia April 22.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphilly.com/story/28867878/septa-bus-school-bus-collide-in-west-philly-7-transported>

19. *April 22, KSHB 41 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Nine charged in connection with Johnson County bribery case involving fake driver's licenses.** A driver's license examiner for the Department of Revenue in Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested along with eight others in connection to a Johnson County bribery investigation involving the distribution of fake driver's licenses dating back to 2011.

Source: <http://www.kshb.com/news/crime/nine-charged-in-connection-with-johnson-county-bribery-case-involving-fake-drivers-licenses>

20. *April 22, Ann Arbor News* – (Michigan) **Power outages closes High Point, Honey Creek schools on Wednesday.** High Point School in Michigan and all programs that operate at the school, including Honey Creek Community School, Gretchen's House, and Huron Valley Beauty Academy were closed April 22 due to a power outage. The Washtenaw Intermediate School District reported that power was expected to be restored later in the day.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2015/04/power_outage_closes_high_point.html

21. *April 21, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Rains help slow down wildfire.** Rains

helped fire crews reach 60 percent containment April 21 of a 2,100-acre wildfire burning in southwest Miami-Dade County.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/weather/sfl-wildfire-60-percent-contained-20150421-story.html>

22. *April 21, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **NY parks to get \$72M in upgrades.** The governor of New York announced April 21 that the State will invest \$72 million for 88 projects at 60 State parks and historic sites in order to help fix and restore aging infrastructure. The project is part of a long-term plan to invest close to \$1 billion into the State's park system.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/politics-on-the-hudson/2015/04/21/ny-parks-to-get-72m-in-upgrades/26125359/>

23. *April 21, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Suspicious cylinders, bag outside St. Louis City Hall were harmless, chief says.** A bomb squad determined that 2 suspicious cylinders and a bag that were found outside St. Louis City Hall April 21 were harmless after the city hall was evacuated for more than 5 hours when all 3 suspicious items were found at different entrances to the building.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/st-louis-city-hall-evacuated-after-suspicious-package-found/article_096436c6-d9d9-587e-9597-b49339094b70.html

24. *April 21, Associated Press* – (California) **Man pleads guilty to pot farm in Sequoia National Park.** Authorities announced that a Mexican national pleaded guilty April 20 to charges in connection to a marijuana growing operation at Sequoia National Park in California after officials found over 1,000 marijuana plants, fertilizer, propane tanks, and 300 pounds of trash at the site. The man also consumed over 1 million gallons of water diverted from a nearby spring.

Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20150421/man-pleads-guilty-to-pot-farm-in-sequoia-national-park>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *April 21, KTVN 2 Reno* – (Nevada) **Service restored to several counties after AT&T outage.** An outage at the emergency 9-1-1 dispatch centers in Pershing, White Pine, Elko, Humboldt, and Lander counties lasted several hours April 21 when vandals severed an AT&T fiber line that also knocked out landline, cell phone, and Internet services.

Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/28859851/att-outage-affecting-several-nevada-counties-1>

26. *April 21, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Police: 4 Anne Arundel County detention officers arrested, charged.** Authorities arrested and charged four detention

officers April 21 at the Jennifer Road Detention Center in Anne Arundel County after an investigation uncovered that the officers were allegedly smuggling illegal contraband to inmates at the detention center.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/police-4-anne-arundel-detention-officers-arrested/32483718>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *April 22, Softpedia* – (International) **WordPress 4.1.2 fixes critical XSS flaw.** WordPress developers announced that the newest release of the blogging platform, 4.1.2, addresses critical security vulnerabilities including a cross-site scripting (XSS) glitch affecting the content management system (CMS) that could allow an attacker to compromise a vulnerable Web site, as well as three other flaws. The release also included increased protection for files that could present a security risk.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/WordPress-4-1-2-Fixes-Critical-XSS-Flaw-479043.shtml>
28. *April 22, Softpedia* – (International) **White House, US State Department hit with Advanced CozyDuke threat.** Security researchers from Kaspersky Lab reported that 2014 cyber-attacks against the White House and the U.S. Department of State were part of an advanced persistent threat (APT) campaign dubbed CozyDuke, also known as CozyBear and CozyCar, and could be connected with the MiniDuke campaign that used spear-phishing emails and malicious attachments and Web sites to target the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and European government agencies.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/White-House-US-State-Department-Hit-with-Advanced-CozyDuke-Threat-479059.shtml>
29. *April 22, The Register* – (International) **‘No iOS Zone’ Wi-Fi zero-day bug forces iPhones, iPads to crash and burn.** Security researchers from Skycure discovered a zero-day denial-of-service (DoS) secure sockets-layer (SSL) vulnerability in Apple’s iOS 8 called “No iOS Zone” that attackers can exploit to create a malicious Wi-Fi hotspot that forces users to connect, and manipulates traffic to cause apps and the operating system (OS) on connected iOS devices to crash, even in offline mode.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/04/22/apple_no_ios_zone_bug/
30. *April 21, Dark Reading* – (International) **Zero-day malvertising attack went undetected for two months.** Security researchers at Malwarebytes reported that cybercriminals had managed to exploit a zero-day Adobe Flash Player vulnerability patched in February to target U.S. users with the HanJuan exploit kit (EK) containing ransomware embedded in online ads for nearly two months without detection. The attacks infected Web sites belonging to Dailymotion, Huffington Post, and answers.com, among others, and reached over 1 billion users in February alone.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/zero-day-malvertising-attack-went-undetected-for-two-months/d/d-id/1320092>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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31. *April 22, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **One dead, nearly two dozen hospitalized after botulism outbreak at Lancaster potluck dinner.** One person died and at least 23 others were hospitalized by a suspected botulism outbreak connected to a potluck dinner at the Cross Pointe Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio, April 19. Health officials encouraged the approximately 50-60 people who attended the potluck to receive a medical evaluation as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/04/21/lancaster-ohio-several-churchgoers-showing-signs-of-botulism-after-potluck-dinner-in-lancaster.html>
32. *April 22, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Explosion at East Providence bakery injures worker.** One worker at the Taunton Avenue Bakery in East Providence was injured April 21 by an explosion at the business that remains under investigation. Inspectors reported that the building appears structurally sound despite having its windows shattered by the blast.
Source: <http://www.providencejournal.com/article/20150422/NEWS/150429785/14110>
33. *April 22, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **For second time in months, fire rips through Lakewood apartment building.** A 2-alarm fire that tore through the Eastwood Apartments complex in Lakewood April 22 displaced 20 residents. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2015/04/22/official-fire-rips-through-lakewood-apartments-no-reported-injuries/>
34. *April 21, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Frankfort apartment building badly damaged by fire.** About 30 residents were displaced from the Hickory Hills Apartments building in Frankfort April 20 following a fire that caused significant structural damage and prompted crews to shut off power to the building. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/story/28854513/frankfort-apartment-building-badly-damaged-by-fire>

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